

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT YOUR CAREER FULFILLMENT

What the Bible Says About Work – Part 2

Helpful books used in the preparation of this series of messages: “*Crossroads: Navigating Your Calling and Career*,” by Colin Creel and Joe White, Crossway Books. “*Fabric of This World: Inquiries into Calling, Career Choice and the Design of Human Work*,” by Lee Hardy, Wm. B Eerdmans Publishing Company. “*Choosing Your Career, Finding Your Vocation*,” by Roy Lewis, Paulist Press.

Ecclesiastes 5:18 –

“Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor...”

Ecclesiastes 5:19 –

“To enjoy your work, and to accept your lot in life -- that is indeed a gift from God.” (Living)

Job fulfillment is a combination of three factors: The right purpose, the right perspective and the right place.

HAVING THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

1. WORK _____

Colossians 3:23 – “*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.*”

2. WORK _____

Mark 10:45 – “*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...*”

3. EXPECT _____

Colossians 3:24 – “Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward what he has kept for his people. For Christ is the real Master you serve.” (Today’s English)

FINDING THE RIGHT PLACE TO WORK

1. EVALUATE YOUR _____

Galatians 6:4 – “Let everyone learn to assess properly the value of his own work. Then he can be rightly proud when he has done something worth doing, without depending on the approval of others.” (Phillips)

Questions to ask yourself:

[1] What have I enjoyed? Acquiring? Developing? Influencing? Improving? Organizing? Operating?

[2] What subjects interest me the most? Numbers, Words, Money? People? Mechanical things? Ideas? Details?

2. EVALUATE YOUR _____

Romans 12:3 – “... Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith God has given to you.” (Phillips)

Romans 12:6 – “God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.” (Living)

Writing? Speaking? Building? Evaluating? Performing? Selling?

3. EVALUATE YOUR _____

1 Corinthians 12:4-5 – “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts ... and there are different ways of serving ...” (Today’s English)

Structured/Unstructured Environment? Stress? Competition?

4. EVALUATE HOW YOU _____

1 Thessalonians 5:14 – *“We urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”*

Team member? Independent worker? Leader? Coordinator? Coach?

1 Peter 4:10 – *“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...”* (Living)

Matthew 6:33 – *“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*